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**NORTHWEST AIRLINES INCREASES JET SERVICE BETWEEN WICHITA, KAN. AND
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

New Flight Begins August 1, 2001

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL -- (June 14) -- Northwest Airlines and its Northwest Airlink Affiliate, Express Airlines I, announced today increased jet service between Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and its hub in Memphis, Tenn. from three to four daily nonstop flights. The upgraded service begins August 1, 2001 and will feature the airline's new 50-passenger Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ).

The CRJ, recognized as the world's quietest commercial aircraft, features a spacious cabin with comfortable two-by-two leather seating and other cabin amenities similar to much larger jets, such as overhead bins, a full-service galley, lavatory, and an efficient climate control system to ensure passenger comfort.

"We believe this additional service means more comfort and convenience for our Wichita customers," said Phil Reed, vice president of marketing, Northwest Airlink. "The CRJ is a great aircraft to operate and has proven to be very popular with both business and leisure travelers."

"Northwest Airline's decision to increase jet service is a big boost for our area and the Wichita airport," said Bob Knight, the Mayor of Wichita. "We are very pleased Northwest recognizes the growth that Wichita is experiencing."

**Upgraded Service Between Wichita and Memphis
Begins August 1, 2001**

Memphis to Wichita		
Flight #	Depart	Arrive
#5933	8:40 am	10:20 am
#5956*	12:35 pm	2:20 pm
#5937	4:35 pm	6:20 pm
#1090	9:10 pm	10:34 pm

Wichita to Memphis		
Flight #	Depart	Arrive
#872	6:05 am	7:25 am
#5934	10:45 am	12:10 pm
#5936*	2:45 pm	4:10 pm
#5902	6:50 pm	8:20 pm

* This flight effective August 1

The Memphis International Airport was rated the No. 1 on-time hub airport for 1999 and 2000 in a recent study by the Federal Aviation Administration.

With annual revenues in excess of \$11 billion and approximately 55,000 employees worldwide, Northwest Airlines is the world's fourth largest airline, with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam and more than 2,700 daily

departures. With its travel partners, Northwest serves more than 785 cities in 120 countries on six continents. Based on statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Northwest was the most on-time U.S. airline among the seven largest network carriers for the period 1990-2000.

Express Airlines I is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northwest Airlines, doing business as Northwest AirlinK. The airline provides valuable passenger and cargo feed to Northwest and operates Canadair Regional Jet and Saab 340. Express I was presented the Diamond Award for Maintenance Excellence and the On-Time, Every Time Award for operational excellence in 1999.

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